

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 which begins with "Field" thru page 2 line 11, and replace with the following:

[Field] BACKGROUND

The embodiments generally relate to computers and computer networks and in particular to a network apparatus for transformation, such as a transforming switch.

[Background]

XML, or eXtensible Markup Language v. 1.0 was adopted by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) on February 10, 1998. XML provides a structured syntax for data exchange. XML is a markup language, like Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). Most markup languages, like HTML, are fixed markup languages. That is, the fixed markup languages, such as HTML, include a set of fixed tags for crafting a document. On the other hand, XML does not define a fixed set of tags, but rather, only defines a syntax or structured format through which users can define their own set of XML tags. There presently are a number of XML based languages which define their own set of tags using the XML syntax. XML has the further advantage because the actual data is separated from the presentation of the data, in contrast with HTML which combines these two items. As a result, XML has the potential to become a standard by which most computers, servers and applications will exchange or communicate data.